

Exciting month for Rotarians

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The month of September has been a busy time for members of the Rotary Club of Whyalla, beginning with the stripping of the catering van down to its chassis for rebuilding and metamorphosis from van to Mobile Catering Unit (MCU).

Many hands have put in the hard yards every weekend to keep the project on schedule, and female members and wives have provided much needed nourishment for the workers.

Peter Nichols set off in his four-wheel drive on the 2009 Outback Tag-Along Trek on September 11, along with enthusiasts from other service clubs such as Lions and individuals from the community to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Reports have been coming in of punctures and other mishaps as well as interesting encounters with wildlife.

Guest speakers have enlightened members with informative talks, including Pauline Oates from palliative care, who has an obvious love for

her job and for the people she cares for.

Steve Griffiths spoke about his 28 years experience in occupational health and safety, and the changes he's encountered over those years are immense.

He emphasised that improvements in this field must come from management, and although great leaps have been made over the decades, there is still more to be done.

Eyre Hotel manager Steve Pace joined members for dinner and entertained the group with stories of hotel life.

Steve didn't have far to travel to the venue, as the club meets at the Eyre Hotel every Tuesday evening.

The recent visit from participants in the Great Australian Bike Ride proved to be a lesson in logistics but thank goodness for mobile phones, which made the job easier.

All in all, September has kept the club on its toes, and all the members are looking forward to the challenges ahead.



Eyre Hotel manager Steve Pace entertained members.



Alistair Stephenson thanked Steve Griffiths for his talk at Rotary Club of Whyalla dinner meeting.